

PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q64695

Hiroshi TANAKA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/864,457

Group Art Unit: 2166

Confirmation No.: 3821

Examiner: Srirama T. CHANNAVAJJALA

Filed: May 25, 2001

For: SERVICE SUPPLY METHOD AND SERVICE SUPPLY SYSTEM

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on
December 18, 2006:

REMARKS

During the interview, the following was discussed: Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §
101.

1. Brief description of exhibits or demonstration: NONE
2. Identification of claims discussed: Claims 1-9
3. Identification of art discussed: NONE
4. Identification of principal proposed amendments: See accompanying

Amendment.

5. Brief Identification of principal arguments: See accompanying Amendment.
6. Indication of other pertinent matters discussed: NONE

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7. Results of Interview: Examiner explained basis for rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101, and Applicants' believe that the amendments set forth in the accompanying Amendment obviate the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

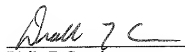
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